

# ARGENTINA STIRRED BY DISCLOSURES IN LUXBURG MESSAGES

Forty Odd Telegrams, Made Public by U. S. Government, Show That the President of the Argentine Republic Was a Traitor to His Country and an Enemy of the United States—Duplicity and Treachery of Germans Exposed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Through a long series of telegrams exchanged between the notorious Count Luxburg, former German charge in Argentina, and the Berlin foreign office, the state department disclosed further facts about German diplomatic trickery and at the same time shed light upon some hitherto unexplained activities of certain Latin-American statesmen.

Luxburg, in one of his messages, dated August 1, last, reported that President Irigoyen of Argentina at last had made up his mind to conclude a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia for protection against North America "before the conference idea is taken up again." The "conference idea" is assumed to have been the plan for a Latin-American neutrality conference, strongly supported by President Carranza of Mexico and much discussed in some of the South American countries, while the proposed secret agreement may explain reports that have come from Buenos Aires recently of President Irigoyen's proposals for a league of South American nations.

War Declaration Expected. In Latin-American diplomatic quarters here it is regarded as certain that



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mutual rapprochement for protection vis-a-vis North America" being the purpose as described.

**Confidence in Chile.**  
In the concluding telegram of the series, however, Luxburg, addressing an unnamed person in Santiago, Chile, probably the German minister there, says that as long as Chile is neutral, Germany after the war will be able to carry out her South American policy, just as well if not more easily in opposition to an "infatuated and misguided Argentina" as with Argentina on her side. This apparently was written when the likelihood of the president's holding Argentina out of the war appeared to be fading.

Ambassador Naon of Argentina declined tonight to make any comment upon the matter further than to say that the statement of the foreign minister covered the situation. He was advised of the purpose of the United States and his government to make the messages public here and at Buenos Aires simultaneously.

Count Luxburg still is in Argentina, although safe conduct was secured for him long ago and there have been frequent announcements of his plans for sailing for a north European neutral country. The last report received here concerning him said he was undergoing treatment in a sanatorium for a nervous disorder. For a time he was in a detention camp, probably chiefly because the Argentine public was so incensed against him that it was not safe to have him at large.

**Minister's Statement.**  
Following is the statement of the Argentine minister of foreign affairs given out with the Luxburg telegrams: "The telegrams which appear below are all that the Argentine ministry of foreign affairs received from the embassy in Washington, of which the translations were made by the department of state in the United States. There are three telegrams not published, as they allude solely to the republics of Chile and Uruguay. The government has decided that it should not publish these telegrams and has delivered them to the respective chancelleries."

"The telegrams show a number of inaccuracies so surprising no epithet will fit them as they are at complete variance, both in substance and form, with the terms in which the negotiations were entered into, carried on and brought to a conclusion."

**All Signed Luxburg.**  
The German charge's messages were sent during last July and August and September. All are addressed to Berlin and signed "Luxburg." Following are the texts in the order in which they were made public.

"July 7th or 8th, 1917, Number 62. 'Minister for foreign affairs, who is a theatrical person, is preventing me from having an interview with the president. He sent me a copy of the note and declared in accordance therewith that Argentina could not consent to all the products of the country being treated as contraband.'"

"The pressure of North America in regard to shipping iron, coal and paper is great, but not irresistible. What is lacking is strength of will."

"If the president, whose action it is impossible to foretell, changes ministers a postponement of the crisis or a settlement is possible."

"If the answer is unsatisfactory, there is to be a rupture of relations."

**Suggests Submarines.**  
July 7, 1917, Number 63.

"Our attitude toward Brazil has created the impression here that our easy-going good-nature can be counted on. This is dangerous in South America, where the people under this veneer are Indians. A submarine squadron, with full powers to me, might probably still save the situation. I request instructions as to whether, after a rupture of relations, legislation is to start for home or to remove to Paraguay or possibly Chile. The naval attaché will doubtless go to Santiago de Chile."

July 10, 1917, Number 67.

"President in the course of a long interview protected his friendship for Germany and firm desire for neutrality in spite of severe pressure. He demanded forbearance for all ships, about six in number, proceeding to the war zone, but conceded that contraband found on board might be destroyed. He stated that it is a fact that there are no more ships available. He regretted the possibility of rupture. Am reporting further."

**Good Impression Made.**  
July 13, 1917, Number 69.

"Imperial chancellor's declaration of no peace without annexations has made the best impression among our friends and also created impression of the strength of our confidence of victory. The news of the crisis and the dismissal of numerous ministers is being exploited by our enemies."

July 14, 1917, Number 70.

"Situation better. President refuses to invite American squadron. I am negotiating respecting proposals for the solution of the ship question."

July 15, 1917, No. 71.

"At the special request of the president, I have undertaken to transmit the following: We have discussed the following proposals: One—That our reply to the note should merely express regret for the necessity of sinking the Toro on account of contraband and should give the desired assurance as regards the future on condition that Argentine ships avoid contraband and any hostile undertaking. This reply to be couched in conciliatory language."

**Argentine's Promise.**  
July 15, 1917, Number 72.

"Continuation of number 71. Protocols to be exchanged here."

"Two—Argentina to promise that for the future ships will avoid the blockade zone or perhaps that the government should decline responsibility."

"Three—We to allow the five or six very small vessels now on the way to pass through without convoy. Details remain for further settlement."

July 19, 1917, Number 73.

"Continuation of No. 71. Visit of American fleet is expected next week, probably for five days. After that a change of ministers is probable."

Number 74.  
Continuation of No. 73. In regard to treatment of general question of note, please show conciliatory attitude in regard to recognized international law and suggest further negotiation. The Argentine government wishes to continue conversations. Chile has removed flag from steamer Iquique, property of Doderro. Recommend expressing recognition of this to the Chilean minister."

No. 75, July 20.  
First—Receiving plant erected according to instructions. When does Nauen send at greatest strength and which is the wave length?"

Secondly—The legation balance at the bank was, on June 30, 856,000 pesos.

July 24, 1917, Number 80. Confidential also for Molina in agreement with Saguer, who is shortly to take over the ministry of foreign affairs. I beg that the reply to the note may be delayed until the first of August.

Subvention Needed  
July 25, 1917, Number 82. First—Remittance of coupons of provincial and state loans depends on the general situation we are negotiating."

Second—Union is in need of a subvention on account of the blacklist and prices about 10,000 pesos monthly."

July 28, 1917, No. 83. Destination and particulars of ships bound for Europe are kept strictly secret. The following are on the way, the first two being over eight hundred tons each: Carapina, Pelagrina, Union, Latona, Francia, Peru, Venezuela, Itambé, Brazil, Bolivia, sailings from Brazilian ports at various dates, the last named twentieth July. Steamer lies low in the water and has a superstructure amidships."

**Secret Agreement With Chile.**  
August 1, 1917, No. 85. The president has at last made up his mind to conclude a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia with regard to a mutual rapprochement for protection vis-a-vis North America before the conference idea is taken up again. Saguer, with friendly under secretary of state and full powers, is on his way to \* \* \* and Santiago."

No. 87, August 5, 1917, Reply to telegram 149.

Agreement not possible, since minister insists that protocol shall establish the obligation to freedom of movement and contain provision for freedom of known Argentine ships carrying the products of the country. Most of the ships have been sold to the enemy and will change flags. I recommend annulling the new note after 10th August in friendly terms and if necessary proposing a court of arbitration."

August 4, 1917, No. 88. Please treat with indulgence the last attempt of the government to put on pressure. The minister of marine and the minister for foreign affairs are probably bribed. President holds with us. The fact that North America is supplying munitions and advancing loan interest to Brazil has made impression here. Please cable me at once further full powers."

**Would Cultivate Chile.**  
No. 89, August 4, 1917.

"I am convinced that we shall be able to carry through our principal political aims in South America, the maintenance of open market in Argentina and the reorganization of south Brazil. I am equally well whether with or against Argentina. Please cultivate friendship with Chile. The announcement of a visit of a submarine squadron to salute the president would even now exert influence on the situation in South America. Prospect excellent for wheat harvest in December."

No. 90, August 7, 1917, I have certain information that North American note to Argentina asked that conference of South American neutrals should be dropped. Vainly does not allow them to tell the truth. Meanwhile, there is a possibility that congress may be constitutionally dissolved by president. Please show willingness to meet the Argentine government as far as possible."

**Weakness Avoided.**  
(About August 10, 1917.)

94. Reply to No. 157.  
It is not known with certainty which ships are sold. I have not communicated to president suggestion about sparing Argentine ships for the present as it is important to avoid appearance of weakness in face of the pressure. Please give full powers, secret and comprehensive, to settle matters and let reply to note be courteous in tone. Best of all would be authorization to announce submarine visit."

No. 95, August 13, 1917, Advise delaying reply to note still further. My new proposal made over head of the minister for foreign affairs is as follows:

One. Toro case to be settled by international court of arbitration."

Two. Assurance that Argentine ships will be spared in accordance with international law."

Three. Protocol according to which Argentine ships avoid war zone. Germany allows all steamers now on the way to pass through both going and returning."

**Asks Instructions.**  
President's answer not yet received; request instructions."

No. 97, August 16, 1917, Reply in telegram 158. Readjustment probable, not certain. Objections of government regarding concessions have to be overcome, what amount is to be reimbursed to trans-ocean, what is desired is that the German government as sleeping partner should share expenses up to date half and half with Siemens Schuckert and also in future the working expenses of the company."

No. 98, August 17, 1917, This government's new orientation seems to be proceeding favorably. Saguer, who has been invited by Peru, will visit Lima and then Santiago."

**The Effects of Opiates.**  
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**Congratulatory Note Advised.**  
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No. 99, August 18, 1917.

Reference to your telegram No. 166. Secret. I have had long and agitated conference with president. He is conscious that there have been errors in the past and has firm intention of adhering to neutrality, and it is asserted that all pending conflicts may be settled on loyal, broad lines on a basis of mutual confidence. He recommends that an early settlement should be arrived at. First, instead of there being a protocol, Argentine ships should on the one hand tactically be spared and on the other be prevented from going to sea. As a matter of fact, the use of the Argentine flag has latterly been refused repeatedly; moreover, shipbuilding material is exhausted. Continuation follows."

**Large-Hearted Solution.**  
No. 100, August 18, 1917.

Continuation of 99.  
Secondly, as regards note of your excellency or of the imperial legation, the lines of which were telegraphed to Molina at the president's wish, a large-hearted solution should be arrived at out of friendship. There should be assurance that Argentine ships will not be harmed and that freedom of movement will be allowed them in accordance with international law. As regards Toro indemnity, there should be same procedure, as in the case of the Monte Protegido, but ship's value should only come in so far as it is not covered by insurance. The president deserves confidence."

No. 103, August 24, 1917, Reply to telegram No. 170.

Public opinion is becoming unpatriotic. I recommend an immediate definite settlement. My telegraphic communication with Mexico is entirely interrupted."

**Friendly Minister's Fears.**  
September 1, 1917.

A friendly minister regrets very much the communication made at Berlin to Molina to the effect that telegraphic instructions to me were contemplated. He fears that the secret wire may be compromised. The Argentine government has published all reports and drafts, as well as the instructions sent to me through Molina respecting the last note."

No. 108, September 1, I can, in fact I am allowed, only seldom to see the president. The government here is ready to communicate details about the ships through Molina. Please show no anxiety."

**Berlin Telegrams.**  
In addition to the Luxburg messages, there were thirteen telegrams from the Berlin foreign office to Luxburg at Argentina. They follow:

Berlin to Buenos Aires, No. 137, July 3, 1917.

For naval attaché. In reply to telegram No. 34. He is one of our agents. Berlin to Buenos Aires, (About) July 24, 1917.

No. 149. Proposal agreed to if formulated in the following terms: Germany allows six ships of moderate size in the blockade area, while on their present journey here and back provided they are not conveyed. Instructions are being issued accordingly. As it is not absolutely certain that information can be given in time, compensation is agreed to in case a ship is unintentionally sunk. Argentina promises that in future her ships will keep away from the blockade area and Argentine ships are to remain unharmed if they neither carry contraband nor undertake any hostile enterprise. I authorize you to sign a protocol in accordance with this. If the palliative (paragraph?) above referred to cannot be obtained, you

should declare to the president verbally that the imperial government, in full appreciation of the value of the continuance of the historic friendship between the two countries, entertains a well-founded confidence that Argentine ships will not occur again in the future. Very secret, for your personal information. Argentine ships will be treated with forbearance as far as they can be recognized. It is quite impossible to make an express communication to that effect to the Argentine government on account of other neutrals and of military considerations. The desired Toro note will be handed to the Argentine minister."

(Signed) ZIMMERMANN.  
Names of Ships Asked.  
Berlin to Buenos Aires, (About) August 8, 1917.

No. 157. Please telegraph the names of the ships which have been sold. Have you made use of the second alternative in telegram No. 149 vis-a-vis the president. STRUMM.

Berlin to Buenos Aires, (About) August 11, 1917.

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No. 161. Please, as far as possible, deal with the president, and in answering last note state that after explanation of circumstances we are prepared to pay compensation for Toro. As regards safety for Argentine ships in future, please refer verbally to explanations given lately to Argentine minister here as well as to the declaration which you were empowered to make. For your information, in answer to complaints from other neutrals, the payment of indemnity will be explained by saying that part of the cargo was for Switzerland, should necessarily arise. Acknowledge by telegraph."

(Signed) KUEHLMANN.  
Left to Luxburg.  
Berlin to Buenos Aires, (About) August 12, 1917.

No. 163. Reply to No. 94. The Argentine minister is receiving here only general oral information. The answering of the note, in accordance with instructions in our telegrams Nos. 161 and 149 is left to you. You are empowered to announce a submarine

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